

THE PITIABLE CONDITION OF A
POOR IMMIGRANT FAMILY.

Famished and Without Food in a Stagnant Cellar—Friedrich in a Big Yacht—Head of Life—Accident Reveals What the Sufferers Themselves Hide.

Charles Leif, a notary public, went to 66 Columbia street yesterday morning to look into a report that a little child had been badly burned, and he found there a sadder condition of things than he expected. Three-year-old Lena Kreusberg had been scalded almost to death, in the first place, by the overturning of a pot of boiling coffee, but worse than that the whole Kreusberg family, father, mother and seven children, the eldest only 12 years old, was starving to death in the single room of a cellar hardly fit for rats to inhabit.

The parents are Louis and Wilhelmina Kreusberg, and they came to the country about three months ago from Bessarabia, Austria, where the father had supported his family by buying and selling second hand clothing. Somehow he couldn't find work in New York, however. The little money he had soon went for necessities, but still no work came. He was industrious and willing to work at almost anything, but there was nothing to do. Every morning he went out in search of a job, and every night he came back with the same story, but he complained to nobody. The family had no relatives or friends in New York and they would not seek the aid of strangers.

When Leif went to the cellar yesterday there had not been even a piece of bread in it for three days, and there was no money with which to buy any. The only articles in the room were a large wooden bed and a small gas stove, in which the small pot of coffee was boiling when the child was scalded. The wife had scraped together a small quantity of coffee and was trying to cook it on a broken gas stove—the only meal of the day.

Except for two of three porcelain basins and two second hand white hanging from a pole, the bed and the gas stove were the only articles in the room. The mother was forced to sit on the damp floor, in several places in which were pools of water. Leif told the neighbors of the condition of the family and the mother was forced to accept their help. Those who could not afford to give money sent down a chair, or a dish, or a piece of clothing. The body gave a last gasp, a last gasp of a poor creature.

A B'nai B'rith reporter who went to the house in the afternoon, found that Leif's account of the family's destitution had been in no way exaggerated. The room was in the basement, dark and damp, without ventilation or light except what came from a small window opening into a dark court at the back. There was water on the floor in several places. At one end stood a large bed, and near the foot two stumps of candles lighted the room. Half a basin of barley meal and a quart of milk which stood in a pail in a corner, a loaf of bread, a quart of onions and a small pot of potatoes were the only food in the house. The father was examining two stumps of candles hanging on a hook near the door. The mother, pale and thin, stood by the newly acquired table holding the baby, while five of the children played on the floor around her. These were Minnie, 11 years old, Elsie, 8, Father, 3, Gela, 2, Henry, 1 and Hyman, 2. Lena had been taken to Governor Hospital. They are all pretty, bright-eyed little folks, apparently unaware of their unfortunate circumstances.

"Papa," one of the children called, and the father took the child in his arms and kissed it. The parents are middle aged and intelligent looking men, and can speak the word of English. Part of the rent had to be paid yesterday with the money which was collected for them, so that they might not be turned into the street. They were of a fairly well-to-do class in Austria, and the father has apparently tried industriously to find work, but the East Side has more than it can support now, and his efforts have been fruitless. And though the building in the cellar of which the family is starving is a story double tenement house, with thirty-eight families in it, none of these knew about the conditions below them until the accident yesterday disclosed the fact.

TOUGH ASSAULT POLICEMAN.

With Two Ribs Broken He Managed to Hold On to One of His Prisoners.

Patrolman Henry Altrecht of the Jamaica precinct was seriously injured at the hands of a crowd of young toughs early yesterday morning. Despite his injuries he held on to one of his two prisoners. The second was caught by the reserves and the others who took part in the fight will probably be arrested today. Altrecht is at his home in Jamaica with two broken ribs and with bruises all over his body. As the result of his injuries Martin Leddy of 207 Hale avenue, Brooklyn, a bartender, and Charles McLaren of Carl street, Jamaica, a pilot, were held yesterday by Magistrate Henry of Far Rockaway for felonious assault.

They were on the outing on Saturday evening of the Germania club of the Thirtieth district of the Fourth ward of Queens at Dyer's Park in Jamaica. On the way back a row started in the street and Altrecht ordered the crowd to move on. They refused and he arrested Leddy and McLaren. The others in the crowd sought to rescue the prisoners and in the fight the policeman was knocked down, disarmed, kicked and punched and beaten with his own club. He was dragged a block and the clothing was heavily torn from his body, but he managed to hold on to Leddy.

A citizen who saw the trouble telephoned for the reserves and the crowd then broke up. Altrecht was all but out, but he had Leddy so firmly that he had to be revived before his grip could be broken.

NEWSPAPERS BLOCK RAILROAD.

Elevated Road Held Up for an Hour by a Dropped Bundle.

A block on the Third avenue elevated railroad yesterday morning at 2:30 o'clock, which lasted more than an hour, was caused by a bundle of newspapers falling on the northbound track at the 149th street station. The block extended as far as the town as City Hall. Most of the passengers in the trains settled themselves back in their seats and went to sleep. Northbound train No. 17 was following the newspaper train, from which, as it was going into the station, a bundle of papers fell to the ground, and it was the first car of the train following that mounted the bundle, was derailed and slid along the timber rails for nearly twenty feet before the motorman could stop the train. The wrecking train spent an hour getting the bundle of papers from under the car.

MISSISSIPPI OUT OF CASH.

State Treasury Is Empty, but Gov. Vandaman Hopes for Money Soon.

JACKSON, Miss., Sept. 18.—Gov. Vandaman and staff returned today from the world's fair. During the northern trip the Governor went to Chicago to confer with W. W. Harris & Co. regarding acceptance of a \$500,000 bond issue purchased some time ago. In discussing the trip Gov. Vandaman said before the motorman that he was waiting for the printer, who will have the bonds ready to-morrow or next day. "This will be a great relief, as the State treasury is empty."

James McCreery & Co.

Corset Dep't.
The Autumn Stock of new model corsets is now on exhibition.

On Monday,
September the 19th,
Pink or blue ribbon tape girdles.

\$1.25
High grade, Imported Corsets, including sample models. White and fancy colors.

\$6.50
Usual price \$8.75 to \$21.00

Twenty-third Street.

James McCreery & Co.

Silks.

On Monday,
September the 19th.

An unusually large and varied assortment of Autumn materials in the latest weaves and tones of—Taffetas Chiffon, in plain, changeable and Cameleon, Surahs, Cyranos, Failles, Parillettes, Baronnets, Chiffon Crepe, Pompadour Taffetas, Satin Peinture, Pils Ombre Regence, Messalines.

Velour Chiffon, Peluche and Paon Velvets.
Ten Thousand yards of all Silk Chiffon Velle Grenadine. Colors—Ciel, pink, nile, mals, jacinthe, champagne, pearl and silver grey, brown, navy, porcelain blue, prune, white, cream and black.

44 inches wide.

75c. per yard.

Value \$1.25.

Superior quality of Taffetas Silk for linings in shades to match. Also white, cream and black.

55c. per yard.

Four Thousand yards of Moire Velour, black and white.

27 inches wide.

75c. per yard.

Value \$1.25.

Twenty-third Street.

WOMAN FLUNG ACID ON HIM.

Connolly in Hospital With a Badly Burned Face.

Charles Connolly of 411 West Forty-eighth street was walking along Ninth avenue, between Forty-eighth and Forty-ninth streets, last night, with his daughter Jeannette, when a woman ran out of a hallway and dashed a glassful of acid in his face. Connolly was frantic with the pain. His daughter wiped the acid off his face and led him to the West Forty-seventh street police station. Detectives Donahue and Kerrigan went out on the run. They caught Mary Mead of 208 West Thirty-ninth street, who did not deny that she threw the acid. She said she did it to get even because "he passed me up for another woman."

Connolly was sent to Roosevelt Hospital with a badly burned face.

FROM CAPE TOWN TO YALE.

British Government Sends a Student Here to Learn Forestry Methods.

NEW HAVEN, Conn., Sept. 18.—The first student ever sent by the British Government to Yale University or to any American university is a George Wilnot of Cape Town, Africa, who is to enter the Yale school of forestry next week. Surprise was expressed at Yale when it was learned that the British Government chose the Yale forestry school instead of the English school at Cooper Hills for the education of Wilnot. It is explained by a Yale professor that the English school is more adapted to the rugged forestry conditions prevailing in South Africa.

RUNAWAY HORSE OVERBOARD.

The Driver Was Busy, but a Steam Derrick Was Handy.

A blind cab horse plunged off the bulkhead at the foot of Moore street late yesterday afternoon and was pulled out by a steam derrick on the lighter Defiance. The horse was owned and driven by Andrew Powers of 1311 Pearl street, Brooklyn. While Powers was in a restaurant getting something to eat the horse ran away, broke loose from the cab and jumped off the bulkhead.

Arthur Greer of 12 South street, a longshoreman, jumped overboard with a rope, fastened it about the horse's body, and the derrick lying near by did the rest.

FIRE ESCAPE REFORMED.

Baby Falls Through the Day After, Obstructions Being Gone.

The police on the East Side were ordered last Saturday to see that the fire escapes on their posts were cleared of obstructions. At 31 Roosevelt street Angelo Bononotto, a two-year-old child, had a play place on the first floor fire escape, where he spent most of his time in the hot summer days. Yesterday the child's parents forgot that the boards over the stairway had been removed and allowed the child to go out as usual. He fell to the ground and was badly hurt.

The Wanamaker Store

Representative Government And American Trade

The great inspiration to the growth of American retailing is the spirit of democracy that pervades it. Civilization is expansion. Liberty is breadth—growth. All the power of knowledge and beauty are developed under the influence of free institutions. If they are not, republican government is a failure.

Retail trade is the finest flower of American commerce, and within it appear the same elements of expansion, intelligence, liberty and beauty that mark our national social progress.

It therefore follows that retail trade is both a product and a pillar of American institutions.

The historic place of WANAMAKER retailing in American commercial progress is too thoroughly admitted to require argument.

This fact contains not the least of our claims upon public attention. The old Stewart block holds a business that is both a popular attraction and a scientific study. But the store exists for Everybody with its universal capacities of interest.

Philosophers and folks alike find it a joy.

Making Clothes to Order For Particular Men

The man who goes to a custom tailor is right in being particular—we expect him to be. The whole custom tailoring business exists simply to cater to the man of special wishes, and the man who cannot be fitted in ready-made.

We never try to give a man something he does not want; we study to get his own ideas incorporated into the clothing that we make for him, and we keep on working until we get it exactly as he wants it.

We have a remarkably broad collection of the choicest fabrics brought out for the Winter season. We have expert tailors to handle every part of the work from shoulders to buttonholes. The clothing we make suits men right down to the ground.

We are high-class in everything but the price; and the fair price at which every particular work is done, is the reason why the man who is particular about his apparel comes to WANAMAKER to have his clothes made.

You can get clothes made just as well elsewhere, of course, but you will have to pay very much more for them to any tailor who does equal work.

Business Sack Suits, of tweeds, chevrons and cassimeres, made to order, at \$20, \$25 and \$30.
English Walking Suits, of neat brown and gray chevrons and worsteds, made to order, at \$27.50, \$32.50 and \$37.50.

A special line of Fall-weight Overcoats, of covert cloth, Oxford mixture and chevrons, silk-lined and faced to edge, or self-faced, made to order, at \$50 to \$175.

Second floor, Fourth avenue.

Superb Fall Wraps For Women

The display of imported Coats and Wraps is as large and good today as you would expect in the middle of October. We are proud of the collection that is here this morning. It covers the entire range of these garments for women. There are inexpensive coats for every-day wear, as well as very elaborate opera garments; and in every sort there is a most satisfying variety. The list includes the following:

Black Coats at \$15.50 to \$50.
Covert and Melton Coats at \$25 to \$45.
Doilmans and Havelocks, at \$13.50 to \$50.
Tourist Coats at \$25.

Opera Garments—handsome and most exclusive kinds—at \$35 to \$200.

Velour, Crushed Plush, Peau de Soie, and other beautiful garments from Paris, at \$60 to \$175.

There is an equally satisfying variety among the American-made Coats, which this Fall are as fine in character and as handsomely made as any we have ever shown.

There are two styles in particular of exceptionally good character, as well as unusually low in price:

At \$20—Black Broadcloth Coats, 40 inches long, collared, outlined with braid, double-breasted, with black handsomely trimmed with braid; large sleeves and cuffs; lined with black or white peau de soie.

At \$15.75—Black Broadcloth or black Panne Cheviot Coats, 34 inches long, double-breasted, with black handsomely trimmed with braid; large sleeves and cuffs; lined with black or white peau de soie.

Second floor, Broadway.

Formerly JOHN WANAMAKER

A. T. Stewart & Co.

Store Closes at 5:30 P. M.

The Wanamaker Store

China Calls Out Reserves Great Armies of Housekeepers Have Carried Away the First Division, and Are Ready for the Third Week's Campaign

Today the China Store is again resplendent with the new supply of beautiful wares. The Basement counters have been filled afresh, and the Aisle counters of the Main Floor are heavily loaded with China and Glass, which housekeepers will enjoy possessing at the small September prices.

The liberal proportions of this great movement, covering an entire month, will be fully appreciated by the housekeepers who see how splendidly full the stocks continue for this last half of the month. There are shortcomings nowhere. Nothing is a picked-over collection, and the new casks that have been opened are filled with the same assortment as their duplicates that were opened a couple of weeks ago.

Such is our careful plan, so that the sale, right up to the last days, will be as complete and satisfying in variety, as well as remarkable in the prices of the offerings it presents. Every item of today's story is full of stirring interest.

Dinner Sets

Fourteen Dinner Sets of 14 pieces, with four large meat dishes, beautiful rose decoration on two shapes, all pieces with gilded gold edges, and handles heavily gilt—

\$35 for regular \$50 Sets

At \$27.50, from \$37.50—Chas. Field Haviland Dinner Sets of 16 pieces, all with a fine flower design. A good \$45 value, today \$27.50.

At \$20—Fine Austrian China Dinner Sets of 16 pieces, suited border with gold line; two styles of fine flower decorations. These Sets are well worth \$27.50.

At \$12.50, worth \$22.50—Austrian China Dinner Sets of 16 pieces, in pretty floral design, and all handles gilt.

Brick-a-Brac

It will certainly be greatly to the advantage of our customers who are anticipating the giving of a present, to visit the Tenth street aisle. Some of the greatest values we have ever given in fine Brick-a-Brac. The reduced prices embrace a large variety of pieces.

Also a special lot our buyer secured in Europe is opened and offered for sale at half regular prices. The reduced pieces embrace Bonn, Teplitz, Dresden, Doulton and Austrian Basins, Vases, Standards, Figures, Ferneries—

75c. from \$1.50 \$1.25 from \$2.50 \$1.75 from \$3.50 \$2.50 from \$5.00

The special purchase includes Figures, Busts, Groups and Vases, and we have marked them half regular prices and less: \$5.00, \$7.50, \$10.00, \$12.50, \$15.00, \$17.50, \$20.00, \$22.50, \$25.00, \$27.50, \$30.00, \$32.50, \$35.00, \$37.50, \$40.00, \$42.50, \$45.00, \$47.50, \$50.00, \$52.50, \$55.00, \$57.50, \$60.00, \$62.50, \$65.00, \$67.50, \$70.00, \$72.50, \$75.00, \$77.50, \$80.00, \$82.50, \$85.00, \$87.50, \$90.00, \$92.50, \$95.00, \$97.50, \$100.00, \$102.50, \$105.00, \$107.50, \$110.00, \$112.50, \$115.00, \$117.50, \$120.00, \$122.50, \$125.00, \$127.50, \$130.00, \$132.50, \$135.00, \$137.50, \$140.00, \$142.50, \$145.00, \$147.50, \$150.00, \$152.50, \$155.00, \$157.50, \$160.00, \$162.50, \$165.00, \$167.50, \$170.00, \$172.50, \$175.00, \$177.50, \$180.00, \$182.50, \$185.00, \$187.50, \$190.00, \$192.50, \$195.00, \$197.50, \$200.00, \$202.50, \$205.00, \$207.50, \$210.00, \$212.50, \$215.00, \$217.50, \$220.00, \$222.50, \$225.00, \$227.50, \$230.00, \$232.50, 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